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GRP Art Unit : 3617
Appln. No. : 10/689,228
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Cnfrm No. : 3942
For : **CENTER CAP FOR VEHICLE WHEEL**

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Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed more than three months after the filing date of the above-referenced application but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

Copies of the listed foreign references and the print listed in "other documents" are submitted herewith along with Form PTO-1449. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following is a concise statement of relevance of the non-English language document.

1. Japanese Patent No. 04085102 appears to disclose a wheel cover fitting device.

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Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

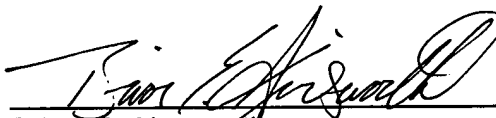
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Respectfully submitted,

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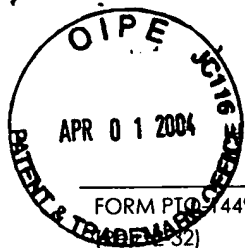
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04 0 8 5 1 0 2	03/18/1992	Japan				X
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

Print, 6 pages, publicly disclosed at least as early as February 14, 2001.	
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